



# A PRAYER FOR 2021

*Lord, You have been so gracious  
to bring us to the beginning of a new year.*

Would you use the unrest in our  
land  
to cause a revival  
that we might see more clearly  
how we have wronged one another.

And would you show us how we  
might be  
more faithful, more loving,  
more courageous, more humble.

Show us how we can extend mercy  
and stand for truth.

Father, we ask that you would  
keep the light of Christ burning  
brightly in our nation and never  
snuff it out.

*As we look toward a new year,  
help us remember that only one thing will bring  
the purpose we are searching for,  
the connection we crave,  
the peace we long for.*

*And that is the Gospel,  
the good news that you became  
one of us to draw us to You.*

*Where there is fear and violence,  
we pray that You would bring the peace of Christ.*

**ONLY THE GOSPEL IS THE REMEDY.**

*Father, in our neighborhoods, in our  
communities,  
would you flesh out order and structure  
rather than chaos.*

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*Father, may your faithfulness be seen  
among those who are downtrodden  
and may you use Your people  
to lift them from the ashes.*

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*-adapted from a prayer by Lance Ragsdale*